



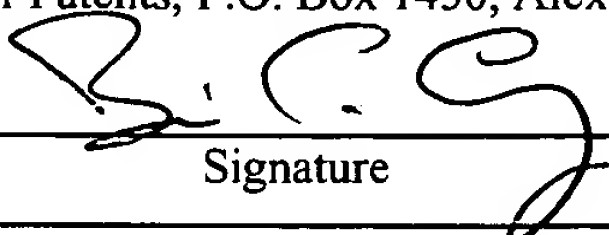
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FOR: ASSAYS AND PEPTIDE SUBSTRATE FOR DETERMINING
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Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2006. A response during the shortened statutory period is due on May 8, 2006. Applicants submit that this response is timely filed and that no additional fees are necessary.

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